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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participants Service List, Bell Atlantic 271 Filing, D.T.E. 99-271

FROM: Cathy Carpino, Hearing Officer
Tina Chin, Hearing Officer

DATE: March 7, 2000

RE: **Revised Schedule**

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

On March 6, 2000, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") received a request from Bell Atlantic-Massachusetts ("Bell Atlantic") for additional time in which to file its comments, which, under the existing schedule, are due this Friday, March 10, 2000. In its letter to the hearing officer, Bell Atlantic indicates that it is unable to adhere to the current schedule for a number of reasons, including difficulties it is experiencing with orders in New York (causing a diversion of Bell Atlantic's resources to address those problems) and the untimeliness of record request responses from several competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs").

The Department grants Bell Atlantic's request for additional time, and agrees with Bell Atlantic that no participant will be prejudiced by this extension. In addition, the revised schedule (see below) gives CLECs one additional week to respond to Bell Atlantic's comments. Given the extended period of time between the technical sessions and Bell Atlantic's end-of-April filing, it is possible, even probable, that Bell Atlantic's comments will contain information not previously discussed at the technical sessions. The Department believes all participants, along with the Department, will benefit from this one additional week of analysis by the CLECs

of Bell Atlantic's filing. Therefore, the revised schedule is as follows:

April 28, 2000: Bell Atlantic comments are due.

May 26, 2000: CLEC responses to Bell Atlantic's comments are due.

Although mentioned in the January 26, 2000 hearing officer memorandum, it bears repeating that commenters will be provided another opportunity to present factual disputes arising from KPMG's testing of Bell Atlantic's operations support systems after such testing is complete. Lastly, the following guidelines are to be followed with respect to all filings in this proceeding. Comments and CLEC responses are due by 5:00 p.m. and must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Second Floor, Boston, MA 02110. The applicant and participants must also provide a copy of the filing to all participants via U.S. and electronic mail. **Except as provided below, commenters must provide each Department staffer his or her own copy contained in an individually-marked envelope. Commenters must file the original and three copies with the Department's Secretary and provide two copies each to both hearing officers.**

Date

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